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FOR: PICTURE AND SOUND DECODING :

APPARATUS PICTURE AND SOUND :

CODING APPARATUS AND :

INFORMATION TRANSMISSION :

SYSTEM :

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is in response to the restriction requirement stated in the Office Letter dated December 8, 2000.

The Examiner requires that the claims of either Group I or Group II be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute Group I (claims 1, 3-17, 20, and 21 (independent and dependent claims), drawn to picture coding and decoding systems and methods). This election of claims is made without traverse.

CLAIMS:

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- 1 1. (As Amended) A picture decoding and coding apparatus comprising a
 - 2 picture coding apparatus including picture coding means of coding picture
 - 3 information, and transmission control means of transmitting or recording the coded
 - 4 various information, and a picture decoding apparatus including reception control
 - 5 means of receiving the coded various information, picture decoding means of
 - 6 synthesizing one or more decoded pictures, and output means of delivering the
 - 7 synthesized picture.

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- 1 3. (As Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, including priority providing
 - 2 means of determining the priority of processing when coded information is
 - 3 overloaded by a predetermined standard, and corresponding between said coded